

**ABSTRACT**

A method for performing speech recognition can include receiving user speech and determining a plurality of potential candidates. Each of the candidates can provide a textual interpretation of the speech. Confidence scores can be calculated for the candidates. The confidence scores can be compared to a predetermined threshold.

5 Also, selected ones of the plurality of candidates can be presented to the user as alternative interpretations of the speech when none of the confidence scores is greater than the predetermined threshold. The selected ones of the plurality of candidates can have confidence scores above a predetermined minimum threshold, and thus can have confidence scores within a predetermined range.

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